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TWENTY YEARS AGO

On Friday night, February 9, 1912, the Engineering Society held its second annual At-Home in the old University Gymnasium, which stood on the site of Hart House. It was the last great social function to be held in the old gym and its brilliancy outshone all of its predecessors. The walls and ceiling were decorated with the faculty colours and a perfect system of indirect lighting was installed.

However, the most novel and striking feature of the decoration was a model, one-fiftieth size, of the great Quebec bridge at that time under construction. The model was 65 ft. in length, 6 ft. in height, and 2 ft. in width over all, and was suspended from the ceiling by wires. The bridge extended from one gallery to the other and a miniature railroad operated across the bridge on a double track. The train was run by electricity, but its service was brought to an untimely end when the locomotive jumped the track and attempted to crawl down between the rails to the festivities below. Rows of lights illuminated each truss of the bridge, and bunting, draped about the piers and bridge, represented the water and banks of the river. The structural portion of the bridge was designed and constructed by the fourth year Civils, while the railroad and lighting were installed by the Electricals and Mechanicals.

Another attractive feature of the decorative scheme was a working model of a Dutch windmill about 20 ft. high with sails of a proportionate size. Credit for the striking appearance of the windmill was due to the Architects and Mechanicals. The motive power was supplied by the Electricals. At times the creaking of the windmill drowned out the whines of the orchestra, which threatened to quit if the mill was not shut down.

About 200 couples taxed the capacity of the floor boards in the gym. The women's dress was somewhat different than it is now. The men, however, had to be attired in a full dress suit and present a printed invitation for themselves and lady to gain admittance.

V. ARTHUR WOOD

On Saturday morning last, while the carillon of Hart House chimed, School sadly paid its last respects to Art. Wood of 3T2, victim of that tragic accident in the Chemical Lab. one week ago. The explosion of his autoclave, occurring without warning during an experiment, inflicted mortal injuries against which he struggled valiantly for two days. The best efforts of medical science, including blood transfusions from several of his classmates, were unavailing and he passed away on Wednesday morning.

Art. spent his boyhood in Simcoe. Following the death of his mother, he went to Shelbourne, where he attended high school. In his work at University he was very thorough, obtaining honours in his second and third years. He was of a friendly disposition and was well liked by those with whom he came in contact. At Trinity United Church he was an active executive of the Ryerson Young Men's Bible Class. In the laboratory as well he exhibited his qualities of leadership, and he was always ready with helpful suggestions for his classmates. He was very interested in research work, and it was while attempting to find a new method for the oxidation of benzene directly to phenol, that the fatal accident occurred.

Besides his father, who is an employee of the Natural Gas Co., he is survived by two brothers, Douglas of Lynnville and Wilmot of Staffordville.

The undergraduates and the Faculty deeply mourn the loss of a real friend and brilliant student.

As a mode of transportation, motor cars were practically unknown and people relied on the old, dependable horse-drawn cab.

And so another great School At-Home went to join the first in a blaze of glory. This great event has been perpetuated since that time, and not one School At-Home has fallen below the standard of the first.

THE 1002nd ARABIAN NIGHT

The 1001 Arabian nights are incomplete. As a grand finale to this collection of marvellous tales comes the School At-Home. Here the pick of our Canadian Knights will present a fantasy worthy of inclusion with these other Arabian Nights. Stretch your imagination into the near future and picture this grand scene in the back of your mind—

The Banquet Hall of the Royal York Hotel filled with smart young couples attired in the mode of the hour, strolling slowly to and fro. It is as sophisticated as a court scene in the palace of some mythical kingdom. Then those remarkable maestros of music, the Wright Brothers, strike up the band and their blending of white sharps and black flats into perfect tunes tickle even the feet of the crown princess. Everybody dances—even the aged Prime Minister of Neoslavonia betakes himself a fair partner. The decorative and lighting effects enhance the perfect little blondes and brunettes nestling in the arms of the courtiers and the entire scene is worthy of the greatest Hollywood extravaganza.

At the stroke of midnight they saunter slowly down through the grand foyer to the Concert Hall, where smart servants will serve up in their own inimitable manner a most sumptuous repast that will satisfy even the most fastidious epicurean.

Enough of this star gazing—let's get down to cold facts! The School At-Home will be a real party. There are 16 dances plus a few extras, and with Wright at the baton each number will be a delightful dream. The party continues until at least 3 a.m. and if some nice philanthropist will come through with 200 kopecs "the King" may be delayed an hour or so.

A number of interesting features are under preparation. The brilliancy of this School At-Home will outshine any of the previous ones. Be sure to join the "400" basking in the rays of this brilliancy at the Royal York on the evening of Friday, February 26.

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BY THE SCRIBE

This is indeed a very hard edition to publish. Every Schoolman realizes the great gloom that has been cast over us all as an aftermath of the recent explosion. The necessity of broadcasting the grandeur of the School At-Home in the next column to the Obituary Notice shows how an Engineer must take the "butups of life with calm." I am sure that even in the midst of our festivities we will not be unmindful of the pall that hangs nearby.

May I draw your attention to the approaching elections at School. Those candidates seeking election to the various offices, if they consider themselves fitted to hold the positions, can do no better than tell the masses of their qualifications by means of an ad in the Toike Oike. This is the best medium of advertising at your command and is bound to bring results.

DEBATING CLUB

The First Year, represented by Fair and Moore, won from the Second in their debate on public ownership. They will meet the winner of the senior years, who are debating this week, to determine the winner of the Sedgeworth Trophy.

After the debates are settled, we shall hold an impromptu speaking contest. Each contestant picks three subjects from a hat and speaks for five minutes on one of them—after five minutes preparation. The winners, as selected by the judges, receive cash prizes, five dollars for first, three dollars for second and a dollar for third.

R. B. BRYCE,
Chairman.

THE CIVIL CLUB

We were sorry to have to cancel the smoker for this term, but a decided lack of funds made it necessary—much to the great disappointment of all concerned, including those who still maintain that they can stand up under a barrage of cherry wood pipes.

So it seems that our final function for the year will be the Annual Club Dinner. As yet no date has been set, since the hunt for a speaker is still in progress. However, as soon as this is achieved, notices will be put up to that effect, and we hope everybody will turn out and support it.

In the meantime everybody should be plowing into Theory of Structures or Calculus. There's not much difference, if we knew Calculus—Theory of Structures would be "pie."

D. R. McQUEEN,
Chairman.

INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL CLUB

We, of this Club, feel deeply the loss of our esteemed fellow member, Vernon Arthur Wood. Mr. Wood was a most active member, and an enthusiastic supporter of all Club functions.

Those unfortunates who happened to miss the smoker held February 11th at Hart House, will be sorry to learn that they missed a most valuable lecture on the substance Bakelite. There was a profusion of chocolate bars and cigarettes, and the interest in Mr. Mills' subject is evidenced by the fact that at 10.30 discussion had to be closed in order to have time to dispose of the lunch.

Arrangements are under way for a dinner in the near future at which it is hoped that R. E. Knowles may be the guest speaker.

Your executive would like to know your opinion on the matter of a luncheon meeting to take place later in March. The enthusiasm this year in all the club functions has been most gratifying and seems to warrant such a conclusion to the year's activities.

A. B. GREEN,
Chairman.

SCHOOLMEN TAKE NOTE

Event—Engineering Society Meeting.

Speaker—Mr. E. Speed of the Ethyl, Gas Corporation.

Subject—"Anti-Knock Fuels."

Time—Thursday, Feb. 25th, 4 p.m.

Place—Room 22, Mining Building.

THE MINING AND METALLURGICAL CLUB

Another dinner was held by the Club on Friday, February 19, 1932. Dr. Coleman was our speaker and he gave a very interesting talk on the mining camps of South Africa. A feature of Dr. Coleman's address was his excellent collection of hand-painted slides showing scenes in Africa.

The dinner was held at the Engineers' Club, and their spacious quarters provided an excellent meeting place. A number of downtown men attended the meeting, and also quite a few of our more recent graduates.

Our final dinner will be held some time towards the middle of March, and announcements concerning it will be made at a later date.

B. S. CROCKER,
Chairman.

ATHLETICS

Although not having the successes of the past, School teams are plugging right along and are real contenders for the various Interfaculty cups. The decimation of Schoolmen in the Senior Assault was indeed a sad blow. However, School again won the Indoor Track Meet this year. The Sr. School Water Polo have won their group and are on their way to the championship. The Jr. School team put up a good fight, but the Jr. Meds were their family skeleton.

On the baseball diamond the outcome of the School teams is still uncertain. Jr. School are almost sure to win their group, and Sr. School won't see the Spaulding Cup vanish without a good fight.

In basketball Sr. School has had its troubles. However, Jr. School is still in the running for the Sifton Cup.

The Jennings Cup fight has been greatly postponed due to the prolonged absence of winter. Nevertheless the two School teams are as prepared for victory as any other faculty.

YEAR BOOK NOTICE

The Transactions and Year Book of the Engineering Society is now undergoing preparation and will soon be sent to the press. Those men who have been requested for write-ups will materially assist the Editors by completing their work as soon as possible and handing it in. *Does this refer to you?*

COMING :- GRADUATION DANCE :- MARCH 18

SCHOOL NITE

Once again the four score wails of Hart House resounded with the laughter of the Schoolmen and their fair damsels on the occasion of our Annual Stunt Night—Tuesday, January 26, 1932. Even the dust on the topmost rafter in the highest garret of the House quivered with the vibrations. The party was indubitably the foremost function of its kind ever staged.

Dancing was enjoyed in the East Common Room from 8 to 9. Then amateur theatricals occupied the attention of the crowd. Bob Anderson put his puppets through their paces in the Reading Room. This skit was hailed as the best by the dramatic editor of our contemporary "The Varsity." Then Ev. Withrow tickled the crowd's fancy with his grass skirt up in the Debates Room. A superb cast made this Albino Minstrel Show a great success. Down the corridor in the Music Room an expectant crowd awaited the drawing of the curtain on the Gull Lake Skit. After great delay, a portion of the cast tried vainly to put on a show, but it was rather impromptu.

At 10 o'clock in the tank the mermen made merry to the great delight of the crowd that assembled there. The water works were one of the high lights of the night.

The east rotunda was as usual occupied by the Chemicals dispensing their drugs and dopes *under remote control* to the thirsty. The elaborate glass works were deserving of special mention.

School is noted for the introduction of novel ideas at its dances. The prize idea of School Night was the silhouette sniper stationed at the east stairway.

A particularly appeasing buffet lunch was dished out in the Great Hall from 10.30 to 12.00.

The Big Gym, East Common Room, Music Room and Reading Room were provided with continuous music from 10 to 1 by Karl Mueller and his "Varsity Entertainers." For those romantically inclined, a paradise was found in the Upper Gym, which was fitted with special dimmed lights. The music from the orchestra in the Big Gym was broadcast here, and despite the short interruption, proved quite successful.

School Nite was under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. T. R. Loudon, Mrs. W. J. T. Wright and Mrs. W. S. Wilson, who graciously enhanced the party with their presence.

Great credit is due to Warden Bickersteth and his Hart House Staff and to the School Nite Committee for the complete success of the evening.

WE STILL PLEASE

Deep despair! Unmeasurable misery! Our heroine, the deep-dyed debutante, Melanie, is seated in the privacy of her room in an attitude of utter dejection. Four whole weeks have passed with not a word from Algernon.

"Alas," she sighs, "I shouldn't have pushed him off the diving board at School Nite. I fear he will never speak to me again."

Suddenly the telephone rings and Melanie grabs the receiver savagely.

"Go ahead, it's your nickel . . . What? . . . well, of all the . . . Oh! . . . speaking. Oh, Algernon!!! . . . Why haven't you phoned me before? What do I care for leap year . . . Well, I'm good and sore . . . no, you can't come up. . . . What . . . School At-Home? . . . Royal York? . . . Wright Bros.? . . . Oh you darling boy, sure I'm going to go . . . wonderful . . . I'll be ready at 8.30—Friday night . . . good-bye, darling."

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Melanie is seated before the mirror of her dressing table hastily applying the final coat of Pomprayin Morning Glory Bloom No. 3 (advt.) and singing softly to herself the latest dance hit, "Let's make up and be friends." With a last glance at the clock, which has just struck eight (but didn't hurt one) she settles down to await impatiently the arrival of her faithful (?) swain. Promptly on the stroke of nine (courtesy Gruel Matchmakers Gild) the door bell rings and Melanie flies to welcome Algernon.

Algernon (gasping): "Let go my neck."

Melanie (excited): "How do I look? Will I have a dance with the President? Will you introduce me to lots of boys? Will there be lots to eat? How many dances will there be? Will you give me a cigarette? . . ."

Algernon (bewildered): "Oh grandma, what big eyes you have."

Melanie: "Sir!"

Algernon: "Or was it sleeping beauty."

Melanie (coily): "Do you really think so?"

Algernon: "For to-night, yes. You have a strange effect on me. Your

beauty inspires me to new heights of eloquence. The quality of mercy is not strained. It falleth as . . ."

Melanie: "When do we eat?"

Algernon (angrily): "Let not such trivial considerations interrupt my train of thought."

Melanie (meekly): "Yes, dear."

Algernon: "Now where were we?"

Melanie: "Half way to the door on our way to the School At-Home."

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Melanie is again seated in the privacy of her own room. Her air of dejection has entirely disappeared. The phone rings. She answers eagerly.

"Listening . . . Oh, it's you . . . wonderful . . . yes, and wasn't the orchestra divine . . . well, I don't remember that . . . was I? . . . But it was such a nice crowd . . . yes, I thought he was too . . . Wasn't it a scream? . . . They actually gave me the prize . . . Yes, it just matches. . . . I don't think so . . . you're the one that ate too much . . . I wondered where you had gone . . . Oh I see . . . Yes, I still have it . . . it has all the names on . . . I certainly won't give it back to you . . . I sure did . . . when are they going to have another? . . . not till next year? . . . that's too bad . . . yes, I think they should have one every month . . . Oh, you don't need to study, do you? . . . well, I'm not here all the time. . . . yes, I'll go with you next year . . . to-night? . . . all right . . . Good-bye, darling."



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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

We hate to announce it, but such is the case. The Annual Elections, which herald the beginning of the annual grind, are to be held on Friday, March the fourth. It is felt that the majority of those attending the School At-Home will have recovered full consciousness by that time.

From the present IV year will be elected their Permanent Executive, including a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer and three Councillors.

From the present III year will be elected: President of the Engineering Society, 1st Vice-President, Club Chairmen of the Architectural, Civil, Debating, Electrical, Industrial Chemical, Mechanical, and Mining and Metallurgical Clubs, President of Athletic Association and the Year Executive, composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Athletic Representative.

From the present II year will be elected: 2nd Vice-President, and the Treasurer of the Engineering Society, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Athletic Association, and the Year Executive including President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Athletic Representative.

From the present I year will be elected: Secretary of the Engineering Society, Vice-President of the Athletic Association, and the Year Executive, consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Athletic Representative.

Engineering Society and Athletic Association Officers are elected by all four years, year executives by the year concerned, and club chairmen by their department only.

Nominations will be received at the Engineering Society on Monday, Feb. 29, and up to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 1st. They must be signed by the mover, seconder and nominee. The following day a mass meeting will be held for campaign speeches.

No signs announcing candidature for the various offices may be posted until after the election meeting Wednesday afternoon.

HART HOUSE ELECTIONS

In this day of grace, the infallible signs of spring are no longer the singing of the birds and the budding of the trees. These simpler delights have been superseded by the more reliable phenomena of marbles in the school and elections on the Campus. Signs of the latter are already discernable, presaging the flood of ballyhoo and bribery, cordiality and corruption, which typify the practical operations of an idealistic democracy.

The first campaign, and the one of most general interest, is the election of six standing and two special committees for Hart House, to assist in the management of the various phases of its undergraduate activities. The regulations governing these elections are quite simple, and are posted conspicuously by the Hall Porter's desk. They will also, no doubt, occupy several columns in "The Varsity," which you may very profitably peruse during any lecture, if you have but the foresight to grab a back seat.

School's chief concern is that she be adequately represented on each committee—an end to be achieved most readily by a little co-operation among the prospective candidates, as a consideration of last year's campaign will readily disclose. No second candidate from S.P.S. can be elected until one candidate from every other college and faculty has been elected. Then the remaining vacancies are filled in order of the number of votes received. This is where a little organization will score. Because, if the second and third S.P.S. candidates both poll more votes than the remaining candidates from other faculties, these two men go in, and School sits pretty with the allowable maximum of three on the committee. On the other hand, if there are four or five Schoolmen left after the

Voting will take place on Friday afternoon in the School building. It is done on the Hare-Spence system, in which you indicate the order of your preference for the candidates on the ballot.

initial round, the chances are that School's vote will be so badly split amongst them that none will be successful, and we will be left with a solitary representative.

Three thus seems to be the logical maximum number of nominations from S.P.S. for any one committee, and the experiences of the last election justifies that assumption. Last March, four out of eighteen nominations for the House Committee were from S.P.S. and one was elected. Only three were nominated for the other committees with the following successfully installed: Hall, 2; Library, 2; Music, 3, and Sketch, 3. Statistics may prove nothing but at least the coincidence is arresting and we respectfully point out that too many would-be committee men are just as unfortunate as too few.

The Debates Committee is a special case, and is elected at the next debate on Wednesday, February 24th. To vote a member must arrive before 8.30 p.m. and stay at least one hour. It is regretted that we have not been overly prominent in this one field, and it is hoped that a large band of engineers will be sufficiently loyal to attend the next debate and put at least one School man on the Committee. The subject, that "University Education is in a Mess," is one about which we all have ideas, and so can speak, heckle or at least boo without any preliminary searching of the reference library. The chance to hear Principal Fyfe of Queen's, who will attend as an honourable visitor, should be sufficient incentive, considering the excellent speech he delivered at the recent E.I.C. Banquet. (Apologies here are respectfully directed to Mr. Crocker of the M. & M. Club, who has different ideas about the speech, but then he ate too many oysters that evening and they affected his judgement.)

Let us hope that by a reasonable restriction of nominations and a unanimous support at the polls and at the debate, Mr. Bickersteth may consume his soup next year upon a dias completely surrounded by "fighting David's Clan."

Candidates for School Elections

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in the success of your Election Campaign.**

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